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Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
Group Art Unit ..... 2132  
Examiner ..... BARRON JR, GILBERTO  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MS1-792US  
Title: Derivation And Quantization Of Robust Non-Local Characteristics For Blind  
Watermarking

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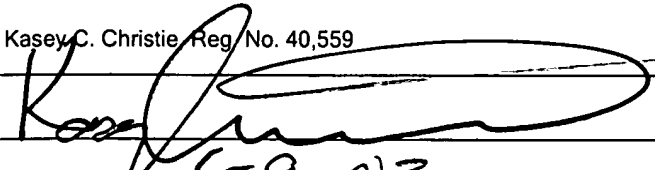
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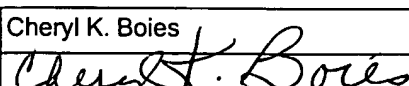
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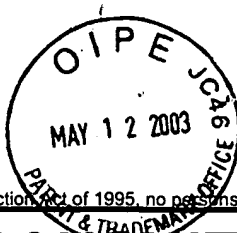
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